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March 21, 2000

Gayle McKeachnie  
Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corporation  
121 West Main Street  
Vernal, Utah 84078

Re: Insufficient Information, Large Mine Operation Amendment, Independent 2, and Response Request to 12/2/98 Division Letter, Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corporation, Ziegler Gilsonite, M/047/013, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr./Ms. McKeachnie:

On February 14, 2000, we received your letter requesting that we amend Ziegler's large mine notice to include the Independent 2 shaft located in the SE1/4 SE1/4 of NE1/4, of Section 16, T9S, R24E, Uintah County, Utah. Your letter states adding this location will increase the acreage by approximately 1.40 acres.

We are unable to process a large mine amendment with this minimal amount of information. Enclosed is a copy of our "Revision of Large Mining Operations" form (MR-REV) to assist you in providing us with the necessary information. Please return the completed form so we may process this latest amendment request. If our form does not contain sufficient space for your information, please use the form as a formatting guideline, or provide attachments as appropriate. Please note that Ziegler is not allowed to create disturbance at this location until receiving written approval from the Division and the appropriate land owner.

In addition, Division files do not include a response to the surety questions in the Division's December 2, 1998 letter to Ziegler regarding approval of the LB-8 amendment. For your convenience, the Division requested an explanation why the Main #1 and Main #2 sites are not included in the reclamation cost estimate, or a description and estimate of third party costs to reclaim the surface disturbances at these sites. Please provide a response to this LB-8 surety question separate from this new amendment submission.

Please note that Division review of an amendment or revision to a large mine notice will require 30 days or more. This proposal may also require an adjustment to the amount of

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reclamation surety, and a 30 day public notice prior to approval. If you have any questions regarding this letter, or Division information requirements for this amendment please contact me at (801) 538-5267. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony A. Gallegos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anthony" being more prominent.

Anthony A. Gallegos  
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: form MR-REV  
cc: Stan Wagner, Ziegler Gilsonite Operations  
Pete Sokolosky, BLM, Vernal FO (UTU-73612)  
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